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Our New Maitre D'



John Fossati

There's a friendly new big fellow who greets you when you eat at the club these days. He's John Fossati, the new maitre dee. He succeeds Paul Steiner, who resigned to join a hotel chain.

Big John is a native of Italy. He went to school in Milan and then studied his craft at the Hotel Fachschule in Lausanne, Switzerland. He speaks English, French, German and Italian... so he should be able to understand most of us.

As everyone knows, *Harry Rand* is chairman of the membership committee, not *Henry Cassidy*, who is chairman of the admissions committee. Sorry for the fumble last issue. Musta been the heat.

Up-and-Coming

Friday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Twilight Jazz. "A Chapter in Jazz With Max Kaminsky," the triumphant trumpeter who continues to make jazz history, appears with all-star friends: Ronnie Cole, drums; John Halsey, piano; Clarence Hutchenrider, clarinet; Bobby Pratt, trombone; John Williams, bass. Admission \$4.00. Seating first-come.

Ford Grant Helps Reporters Learn Law

Recognizing the increasing importance to journalists of knowing more about the law and its many and intricate involvements with our daily lives, the Ford Foundation has provided a grant to Yale University which will give journalists a year of law at the Yale Law School.

Actually, the program began in 1976. Its aim is to improve the quality of reporting on legal issues and law-related events. Since then 20 journalists have been fellows in Yale's Master of Studies in Law program. All are now working on news media all over the country, 18 on newspapers, one on radio and one on TV.

Ford's grant will carry 15 journalists through the next three years, five a year. Ford looks for other interested groups to join in the funding and make the program self-sufficient by 1983.

Photos by Bissell To be Seen at Club

An exhibition of photographs, "Panorama - People and Places," by photographer and OPCer *Jerry Bissell* will open in the club lounge in September.

Ms. Bissell's photographic career covers a spectrum of interests reflecting her journalistic career. Her sensitive insights are caught on camera in black and white and capture a wide range of subjects, from street scenes in Europe, where she was a photographer for AP and for various news publications, to candid portraits of celebrities on the New York scene. Of special interest are her photos of Picasso.

Ms. Bissell is co-chairman with *Wilma Dobie* of the jazz committee. Her exhibit includes jazz personalities. *Barrett Gallagher* is chairman of photographic exhibits.

Paraguayan Reporter Held Without Trial

Alcidiades Gonzalez Delvalle, a well-known Paraguayan investigative journalist on the independent newspaper "ABC Color," was arrested in Asuncion, Paraguay June 25, apparently because of articles he had written strongly criticizing the Paraguayan judicial system.

According to Amnesty International, at a hearing June 30, he was charged with "instigating disobedience to the laws." Legally, he should have been freed pending trial. Instead, he was committed to preventive detention. Gonzalez was still in prison in late July.

Gonzalez had been arrested previously on Nov. 5, 1979 as the result of an article he had written describing official corruption in Paraguay. He was released on Dec. 5.

An investigative reporter focusing on labor exploitation, corruption, prostitution and persecution of peasants, Gonzalez is secretary-general of the Sindicato de Periodistas del Paraguay, the national journalists' union. At the time of his first arrest in Nov. 1979 the Club de Prensa, Paraguay's major press club, joined the union in appealing for world support for Gonzalez against "the unjustified repression against the journalists' union and profession, as well as against press freedom and human rights."

Gonzalez was arrested last June upon his return following a visit to the United States as a guest of the State Department.

Amnesty International, which contends that Gonzalez has been arrested for exercising his right to freedom of opinion and expression, suggests that appeals in his behalf should:

1. protest the decree of preventive imprisonment ("auto de prision") which is illegal in his case; he should have been released pending trial as he presents no threat to society;
2. request that the trial be conducted in public,

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Ancient Hatreds Keep Firing Continuing Revolutions in Iran

The following article by OPCer Clement Tamraz, foreign correspondent of the Geographical magazine of London, appeared in its issue of August 1979. Because of its "prophetic value and the fact that it is still somewhat timely," they are considering re-running it. Tamraz, now vacationing in the U.S., returns to the Middle East in the fall.

The smouldering fires of everlasting feuds and hatreds are visible all over Iran. On a recent visit I found growing discontent and disillusionment in Tehran, Esfahan, Abadan, Azarbaijan and Rezaieyeh. It can truly be said that the evolution of revolution is the mystery of history. What we are seeing in Iran is merely another revolution which followed on the heels of the previous one which succeeded its antecedent ad infinitum. Those blind to history are the very ones who make it. Ayatollah Khomeini would be ignoring historical fact if he believes that his government will be everlasting. In reality it is not a revolution but another counter revolution and better understood for what it is. Like his predecessors Ayatollah Khomeini, while yet creating his own regime, is also sowing the seeds of counter-revolution to follow sooner than he suspects. Every act of opposition, every terrorist attack, breeds another and is a flame from that smouldering fire.

In Iran I spoke freely and at length with three brothers, two of whom had been foot soldiers in the army. They were of a family very highly regarded throughout that region of salty Lake Urmia in the North-west section. They believed Ayatollah Khomeini is trying to be grand ruler of all Arabs as well as non-Arabs who are Muslims. As the eldest brother stated, "That would make him the greatest ruler the world has ever known." I pointed out that an Englishman named Lawrence tried to unite the Arabs more than sixty years ago and failed. The British Foreign Office knew that these people would not be united and they called Lawrence back to England. "That's just it," he replied, "what can the Ayatollah hope to accomplish? How can he expect us to accept the Arab and Semite as our social equal? We are not Arabs or Semites. We are Aryans. For centuries it has been instilled in us that the Arabs and Semites represent the lowest social order in our society. How can he change that all of a sudden?"

These people represent the quiet majority who will not be stilled. In Azarbaijan in the north-west I found them asking themselves: if the Shah did wrong, what makes all these executions right? Was this a religious man of Allah or an avenger? They were quick to explain to me that Ayatollah Khomeini fled his native land. They did not. He hid away and lived for fourteen years in comparative luxury, free from fear. They did not. They remained in Iran, fought the Shah's decrees and soldiers. Their relatives and loved ones, not Khomeini's or any other Mullah's, died in the struggle that deposed Shah. It was only after the Shah left because of the mounting strength of this quiet majority that Ayatollah Khomeini was invited out of his hideout to return. In the ensuing confusion, bickering and strife he grabbed power.

When a nation is left without a leader or strong guiding force it is always the grand usurper, the international opportunist, who takes power with golden promises. It is rarely a Garibaldi or Bolivar. France was internally torn and floundering when a little Corsican captured its imagination, took power and spread this power at a cost of more than 3,000,000 young French lives. Italy was ripe for plucking when a short newspaper publisher marched on Rome, and became dictator. Germany without leadership amid bickering factions was easy prey for a Hitler. What will it be when Ayatollah Khomeini dies? What faction will then seek counter-revenge? It follows by all logic that cabals are already formed and many with common interests will unite, wait, and grow, alerted for the signal to grab power. In the event of continued internal strife it is historically inevitable that the military faction will slip into power. They are fully organized, better led and have the weapons.

In Tehran I sensed unmistakable evidences of disillusionment, however subtle and subdued in the minds of the quiet majority. This was especially true and less subdued among the women who do not want to lose what gains they made toward equal rights.

When the Shah gave haven to the Kurds who were thrown out of Iraq he made them close neighbors in north-western Iran with the very people who hated these Kurds the most; and there the Shah lost his popularity and grip.

Letters

HONG KONG — Graham Jenkins, veteran foreign correspondent in Asia, was injured July 23 when he was attacked and robbed by four Chinese, one armed with a knife, who broke into his apartment.

Jenkins was cut on one hand when he struggled with the raiders who tied him and escaped with cameras, lenses, watches and checks worth U.S. \$7,600.

Jenkins, second foreign correspondent to be robbed in his residence in Hong Kong since December, was treated for several days in Queen Mary Hospital. Richard Hughes, dean of Asia's foreign press corps, was robbed in a similar manner last Dec. 28.

Jenkins originally came to Asia with Reuters and later worked as general manager of the *Singapore Straits Times*, editor of the *Hong Kong Standard* and founder and publisher of the *Hong Kong Star* until his retirement last year.

Elsewhere, UPI appointed Ray Wilkinson as manager of its Peking, China, bureau, replacing Bob Crabbe, who transfers to the UPI bureau in Sacramento, Calif., his home state. Wilkinson shifted from Nairobi to Peking in April.

— Al Kaff

For generations, the Kurds raided, robbed and slaughtered the unarmed people living in and around Urmia, now known as Rezaieyeh. I spent an afternoon as guest of a family living in the Zataka section of Rezaieyeh and with one in the Juitapa section. One of these families' names is one of the very oldest and most highly regarded in Iran. Most of these people are descendants of the ancient Assyrians and a very proud race. These assaults continued because the Tehran government was inept and corrupted. Only after the people armed themselves and fought back did the murderous Kurds stop marauding. But the smouldering fires of everlasting feuds and hatreds never died out.

Bernard Flynn Dies

Bernard F. Flynn, a longtime member of the club, died in New York on June 30. He had been associated with CBS, WNYC and WBBJ and was president of Telefuture at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Edith.

Chinese to Get News in English

The first English-language daily in the People's Republic of China is about to be launched. *Editor & Publisher* reports that the *Beijing Times*, to be published in that city, will be a national daily appealing to foreign residents and tourists, and to high school and college students, 160 million of whom study English.

Guan Zai Han, who will be an editor of the new newspaper, was recently in the U.S. at the invitation of the Stanford Committee on U.S.-China Relations and Stanford's Department of Communications. He had been editor of the *Beijing Review*.

In a talk here, he disclosed that:

- Daily newspapers in China now number 283, with 24 in Beijing and Shanghai alone and have a circulation of 63 million a day.

- Letters to the Editor have increased "dramatically," as has investigative reporting based on them;

- Recipes, fashions, sports and "how to" columns now get space;

- Advertising, once banned, is now common, with advertisers having to wait long periods for space.

Ten per cent of the newspapers are owned either by the Government or the Communist Party. The largest is the *Beijing People's Daily*, with 8 million circulation.

"In 1966 only Party newspapers were available — and there was really only one voice. The *Red Flag* was free, yet people didn't read it. Now people can write or talk about what they think."

Myer Agen Dies

Myer Agen, who retired some years ago as senior editor of the Armed Forces Press and was a longtime member of the club, died July 14 in a New York nursing home.

Much of Mr. Agen's life was spent in Paris, where he was correspondent for the *London Daily Sketch*, American editor of the *Continental Daily Mail* and an editorial writer for the *Paris Herald*.

He won the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Soissons, France, in World War I, and was a Knight of the French Legion of Honor. He was an early member of Paris Post No. 1 of the American Legion.

He is survived by a daughter.

New Applications

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Vera Glaser, National Correspondent, Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Placement

WANTED: Busy OPC member Bill Glenn in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China, sends us this lead: editing-writing job open there for a competent older professional in good health, age 50-65. Offers 2-year renewable contract, 5½-day week, air tickets for two, \$30,000 annually. Must not be unfriendly toward ROC-Taiwan. Asia interest or background desirable. Please send personal history and references to William A. Glenn, P.O. Box 22802, Taipei, Taiwan, to forward to prospective employer

Wanted locally: Person with good press contacts to help promote established artist (OPC member). Remuneration negotiable. Please list qualifications and write to Placement, OPC Bulletin, for speedy interview.

Job Openings: Writer to produce brochures, speeches, financial reports, magazine copy. Experienced in in-depth writing in financial or energy publications. Top management interface. Resumes to Glenna Pierpont, Transco Cos., Box 1396, Houston, TX 77001. 713/871-2486.

Placement is a free service to OPC members for job openings, interviews, placement. Address all correspondence to Helen Alpert, OPC.

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with specific charges, within the precise time limitations established under the Constitution and the Penal Procedural Code for each stage of the trial.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Exmo. Sr. Presidente de la Republica del Paraguay, Gral. de Ejercito Alfredo Stroessner, Palacio de Gobierno, Asuncion, Paraguay; and to *Exmo. Sr. Ministrol del Interior, Sr. Sabino Montanaro, Ministerio del Interior, Estrella y Montevideo, Asuncion, Paraguay.*

—Norman A. Schorr, OPC

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... and postscripts

How often have you hummed, whistled or otherwise beat out that old classic "Waitin' for the Robert E. Lee"? It's well over 100 years since the great Mississippi steamboat race between the *Robert E. Lee* and the *Natchez* was run. But only weeks ago (June 23-July 3) that race was re-run by the modern *Mississippi Queen* and the *Delta Queen*. Our own and Litton Industries' Col. Barney Oldfield served as chief judge and, quoting him, "his judicial fudging and cut-throating detection assistants" were former SNPA and SDX president George Healy, Jr., retired editor of the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, and Mrs. L. Wolfe (Rose) Gilbert, widow of the famed songwriter who wrote "Waitin' for the Robert E. Lee." Oh, yes... the *Mississippi Queen* won this year, as the *Robert E. Lee* had way back then.

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If our calendar is correct, former OPC VP Elmer Lower is right now in his third year of teaching at his alma mater, the University of Missouri's School of Journalism. This month he will be at Louisiana State University for a series of lectures, timely ones on Broadcasting and the Presidential Election Process. It was Lower who developed the present system for electronic tabulation of major elections while he was with NBC. He is a co-founder of the News Election Service, which provides vote tabulations during elections to the three major networks and the two major wire services.

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OPC'er Beryl Bernay is happy to be back from her NBC Radio News assignment in Peru and Bolivia. Happy because she did not enjoy being one of three journalists arrested and jailed in Bolivia while covering the presidential inauguration. But, exhilarated by the experience, she is eager to get out into the field again.

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Re-elected president of the New York Business Press Editors is Werner N. Brandis, who served in the post 1977-79. Werner is consulting editor of *World Broadcast News*.

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On his own now is Philip Dorf, having left the Eastern Region presidency of Harshe-Rotman & Druck to run his own PR and public affairs agency in New York. Before getting into PR he was with UPI.

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The silver anniversary of the International Public Relations Association in

Paris last month found two OPCers there and involved. John Sattler, not long out of Ford Motor and into his own Sattler International, was there as a member of IPRA's board. Amelia Lobsenz, chairman of Lobsenz-Stevens, New York PR shop, was there representing the Public Relations Society of America, of which she is a board member. Highlight of the occasion was the issuance by the French government of a stamp honoring public relations, a first.

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A letter from John, whose long career as Ford Motor Co.'s public relations director ended with his recent retirement, notes proudly that "the name carries on in the automotive field." John Sattler Jr., just out of the Navy as a lieutenant, has joined Deke Houlgate Enterprises, Redondo Beach, Calif., specialists in automotive PR.

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Tim Boxer of the *New York Post* and his wife Nina hailed their first child on July 19 and named him Gabriel Paul.

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The *Washington Post* has a new roving correspondent in Europe, Philip Foisie. He will be based in Rome, where he had been *Newsweek's* bureau chief. Before that he had reported for both *Newsweek* and the *Post* from Madrid.

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Denny Griswold, OPC member, founder and editor of *Public Relations News*, is grateful that her publication has been cited "for best instructional reporting" by the Newsletter Association of America. The award was made for reporting of new PR techniques and trends. This was the first PR publication in the world.

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Former OPC prez John Luter was in town early in August with the proud report that the University of Hawaii at Manoa's journalism program, which he has headed since 1974, has been accredited by the American Council on Education for Journalism. This makes Hawaii one of only 80 American universities and colleges thus accredited. While stateside, he attended a journalism educators convention in Boston, talked with news organizations about internships and with Marguerite Cartwright, who has generously offered her collection of *OPC Bulletins* saved through the years.

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Charlotte C. Klein, OPC'er and head of her own public relations organization, has affiliated her group with Padilla and Speer, PR agency in Minneapolis/St. Paul. And has added to her group Helen Shapiro, who has been a VP at the Harshe-Rotman and Druck PR agency.

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A.E.P. Wall, editor, *Chicago Catholic*, wrote to praise the new membership directory as "just great." He has recently been speaking out on the "New World Order of Communications and Information," both in Nashville and Luxembourg.

Victor Diehm Dies

Victor C. Diehm Sr., long a member of the club and at one time president of the Mutual Broadcasting System, the world's largest radio network, died August 17 in Hazelton, Pa. He was 77. At his death he was chairman of the board of the Hazelton Broadcasting Co.

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